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Judge Michael Jordan serves as a neutral, doing business as Mediation & Arbitration Services. He served nearly 26 years as a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, hearing almost every type of case. He has served under the Illinois Supreme Court's Annexed Arbitration program and Supreme Court authorized mediation programs; the mediation panel of the US Bankruptcy Court; the mediation program of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers; arbitration and mediation panels of FINRA, Formerly NASD Dispute Regulation, now Financial Industry Regulatory Authority; the arbitration panel for the National Futures Association; the National Mediation Board arbitration panels; Public Law Boards 6942, 6982, and 7000 and others; the labor arbitration panels for the City of Chicago and the Fraternal Order of Police and for the State of Illinois and AFSME, Council 31, the Teamsters Union, Local 916, the Illinois Federation of Public Employees, and the Illinois Nurses Association. He serves on the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board's Mediation Roster and the Illinois State Board of Education arbitration panel for discharge of tenured teachers. He serves on the Illinois Public Employee Mediation/Arbitration Roster for the Illinois Labor Relations Board for mediation, grievance arbitration, fact-finding, interest arbitration, and grievance mediation. He is a panel arbitrator for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. His experience also includes service on various regular and expedited geographic labor arbitration panels for the United States Postal Service and its unions. He has served on the Federal Aviation Administration and National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) air controller arbitration panel.

He has served on the arbitration and mediation panels of ADR Systems of America, Arbitration Mediation Conciliation Center (AMCC), Resolute Systems, Island Arbitration Mediation of Long Island, National Arbitration and Mediation, and National Arbitration Forum, private dispute resolution companies, for commercial, construction, civil rights, general tort cases, labor/employment, medical malpractice, and premises liability cases. He is a listed member of the Labor Arbitration Panel and the General Mediation Panel of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). He also takes private referrals.

In addition to staff service on the DePaul Law School Law Review, where an article he authored on the need for better insurance company regulation was published, Judge Jordan was the Editor-in-Chief of the Illinois Bar Journal for two years and was the co-editor of the Bench-Bar Newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association for twenty-seven years. He has written for many legal publications.

Judge Jordan has lectured for numerous colleges, institutions, and bar associations over the years and has received numerous awards and citations including the 1991 Board of Governor's Award of the Illinois State Bar Association and the first "Lee Blustin Service Award" of the North Suburban Bar Association in 1997. He was Judge of the Month of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association. He received a Bauer Foundation scholarship to study Civil Mediation at the National Judicial College and was recipient of a grant from the National Institute of Justice to study, "Threats to the Independence of the Judiciary."

Judge Jordan completed mediation training and was certified by the National Judicial College and by FINRA, formerly NASD Dispute Resolution. He has served on the faculty for several courses on mediation including mediator trainings sponsored by the National Judicial College, the ABA, the ISBA, and the Delaware Supreme Court. He has also served on panels sponsored by the ISBA and the Circuit Court of Cook County teaching mediation to advocates. Since his retirement from the bench in December 1999, Judge Jordan has mediated numerous major complex and multi party cases. He has seen total resolution about 80-90% of the time.

Judge Jordan is a member of the Illinois Judges Association; the Illinois State Bar Association - having served as Chair of the Bench-Bar Section Council, Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council, and member of the Corporation, Securities, and Business Law Section; the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, (past board member); and the National Association of Railroad Referees. He served during 2003 on the committee appointed by the Circuit Court of Cook County to create a court annexed mediation program for all complex litigation in Cook County, Illinois. He served on the International Academy of Dispute Resolution as a board member 2004-2006. He now serves on the advisory committee of the Cook County Circuit Court's annexed mediation program for the Law Division.